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Situation in Shantung

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25X1X Situation in the Pingtu (119-56, 36-47) Area

1. A Tsingtao municipal official reported the recapture of Pingtu by Communists on 11 November, but an officer of the Tsingtao Garrison Command has consistently maintained that the Nationalists have not lost the city since they captured it on 3 November. Reports from the Pacification Headquarters G-2 state that Pingtu is now garrisoned by the Communist Pingtu Brothers and Sons Regiment, and that the Nationalist 188 Brigade of the 46 Division has withdrawn to Lanti (119-56, 36-35), ten miles south of Pingtu. Both local and regular Communist troops, numbering 10,000, are closing in on the isolated brigade. The Communist Chiao-Kao Detachment is five miles south of Pingtu and the Communist 6 Municipa- tion Division is at Kuhsien (120-15, 36-44), ten miles east of Pingtu. On 31 December the Nationalist 188 Brigade attacked Pingtu from its position in Lanti but was turned back. [redacted] Note: It is believed that Pingtu was ac- tually lost, but for reasons of "face" the Nationalist sources did not admit it.)

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2. Communist forces formerly around Yehhsien (119-56, 37-11) are now dispersed along the Chiaohsien-Pingtu-Yehhsien Highway. Along with the 10,000 Communist troops, the 16 and 17 Regiments of the 3 Garrison Brigade are six miles south- east of Pingtu, and the 5 Garrison Brigade twenty miles west of that city.

3. Situation at Liaocheng (115-57, 37-11): Liaocheng has been evacuated at the request of the Commanding General of the 4 Pacification Area. Air drops to the defenders had been successful, but it seemed advisable to return them to Tsinan. The 111 Division of the Nationalist 12 Army was dispatched from Tsinan to open a corridor to the besieged city and escort them back. The troops returned to Tsinan on 5 January after a two-day battle to break the siege, and because of a total lack of transportation, a period of twelve days was required for the operation. The defending troops appeared exhausted and poorly equipped, but the men of the 111 Division were in excellent shape. The Commanding General of the Nationalist 12 Army stated that the city had no coal or food. The loss of the city was of small military importance since the city's industries are not in operation.

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4. The Communists have pulled four divisions of the New 4 Army from the Lini (118-24, 35-07) front to strengthen the area around SsuYang (118-43, 33-41), the scene of recent Nationalist successes. [REDACTED] Note: American observer expects increased Nationalist activities against Lini since the weakening of this front. The Nationalist spearhead, now only thirty miles southwest of that city, will be facing only four regular Communist divisions: New 1, New 10, 2 Emancipation Division, and the 8 Emancipation Division, plus local troops. The Nationalists are probably stronger in number than the Communists at present, but the 4 and 9 Emancipation Divisions, regrouping in Laiwu (117-39, 36-12), could be called in if necessary.)

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